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1. During the period from 1 to 10 July 1952, the Nachrichtenschule in Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31), south of the railroad station, was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Soldiers organized into groups up to 100 men armed with rifles and 120-mm mortars were engaged in field training, training with rifles and close-combat in the adjacent Aue training area.
2. During the period from 1 to 10 July, the Altes Lager northwest of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station was occupied by a fuel depot with a labor and guard detail of about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. no tank cars for Altes Lager were handled at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station after 1 July. (1) 50X1-HUM
3. During the period from 1 to 10 July, the Neues Lager, west of the Koenigsbrueck-Schwepnitz road, was heavily occupied as previously. the combat noises at night had greatly decreased or discontinued completely as compared with previous weeks. No aircraft were seen at the troop training grounds in conjunction with practices. An average of 10 to 20 reports from heavy guns was heard during the day. A railroad man stated that 2 to 4 tanks had been entrained almost every night at the railroad station during the past three weeks and had been dispatched with regular freight trains in the direction of Dresden or Senftenberg. Motor vehicle seen at the Neues Lager 50X1-HUM
4. On 2 July, about 50 field kitchens ready for loading were seen at the Koenigsbrueck-East railroad station. Entrained field kitchens were repeatedly observed at the Klotzsche railroad station during the preceding weeks. The Sauer firm was reportedly ordered to manufacture field kitchens. A total of 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station on the same day. They were waiting to board boxcars which were assembled there. they would leave in the direction of Senftenberg. On 3 July, five boxcars occupied to capacity with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were coupled to the regular train headed in the direction of Schwepnitz at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. On 8 July, 15 trucks ready for loading were observed at the same station. A railroad man stated that about 60 trucks had been entrained during the nights of 7 and 8 July. (3) 50X1-HUM

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5. During the period from 1 to 7 July, the Nachrichten Schule, south of the railroad station, was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [] a mortar unit and an artillery unit would be quartered in the barracks installation. Training activity was conducted only in the area southwest of the barracks installation. 50X1-HUM
6. During the period from 19 June to 7 July, a low wooden building, about 150 meters long, which sheltered tanks, and several small low wooden buildings were constructed north of Neues Lager. From 150 to 200 tanks were seen near those buildings. On 8 July, Lieutenant Murayvaldin (fnu) wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and riding sedan [] entered the Neues Lager, coming from Camp Schwepnitz. On 19 June, combat firing with rocket launchers was conducted in the area of Neues Lager. The firing distance was 3,000 meters. The interval between the sound and the impact was about six seconds. The zenith of the trajectory was about 40 meters. The shells left smoke trails. Assault and penetration were observed being practiced at company level at the field, twice with tanks and once with artillery. On 28 June, 2 officers and 40 men crawled toward a forest, supplying protective fire while advancing. They jumped off about 20 meters from the edge of the woods and attacked. About one half of those attacking immediately climbed trees and provided protective fire, while the others dug in and, in their turn, provided protection for the soldiers who climbed down from the trees while they were digging in. From 3 to 7 p.m. on 7 July, the crews of nine tanks trained with smoke which rose to tree level, stayed in the air despite the wind and sank only after about 10 minutes. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the troop training grounds [] 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

- (1) The information confirms that the troop training grounds was occupied by the 270th Gds Mort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div up to 10 July 1952. No other indications concerning an additional occupation by an artillery unit as stated in paragraph 5 are available. The Neues Lager was again confirmed as a fuel depot up to 10 July. According to the previous system, the motor vehicle [] seen there belong to the 11th Gds Tank Div, while one [] belongs to army troops of the First Gds Lecz Army. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The heavy occupation of the Neues Lager, which remained unchanged, tends to indicate that the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Lecz Army located there is still in Koehnstrueck, although night problems and practices involving aircraft apparently were discontinued. The 2 or 3 tanks which were shipped away on regular freight trains in various directions at night may be tanks which were turned over to German Volkspolizei units. Similar observations were made in May 1952. [] lost of the motor vehicle [] are new and belong to units subordinate to the First Gds Lecz Army, while one old motor vehicle each belongs to the 8th Gds Lecz Div and the 11th Gds Tank Div. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The departure of personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 2 and 3 July possibly was part of an exchange of personnel. The [] trucks were probably entrained in connection with the motor vehicle exchange program.
- (4) The hutment north of Neues Lager and the tanks observed nearby may be a parking area for tanks of the 11th Gds Tank Div. Lieutenant Murayvaldin (fnu) is not carried here. Practices at company level and involving heavy weapons have also been observed at other troop training grounds since early July.

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